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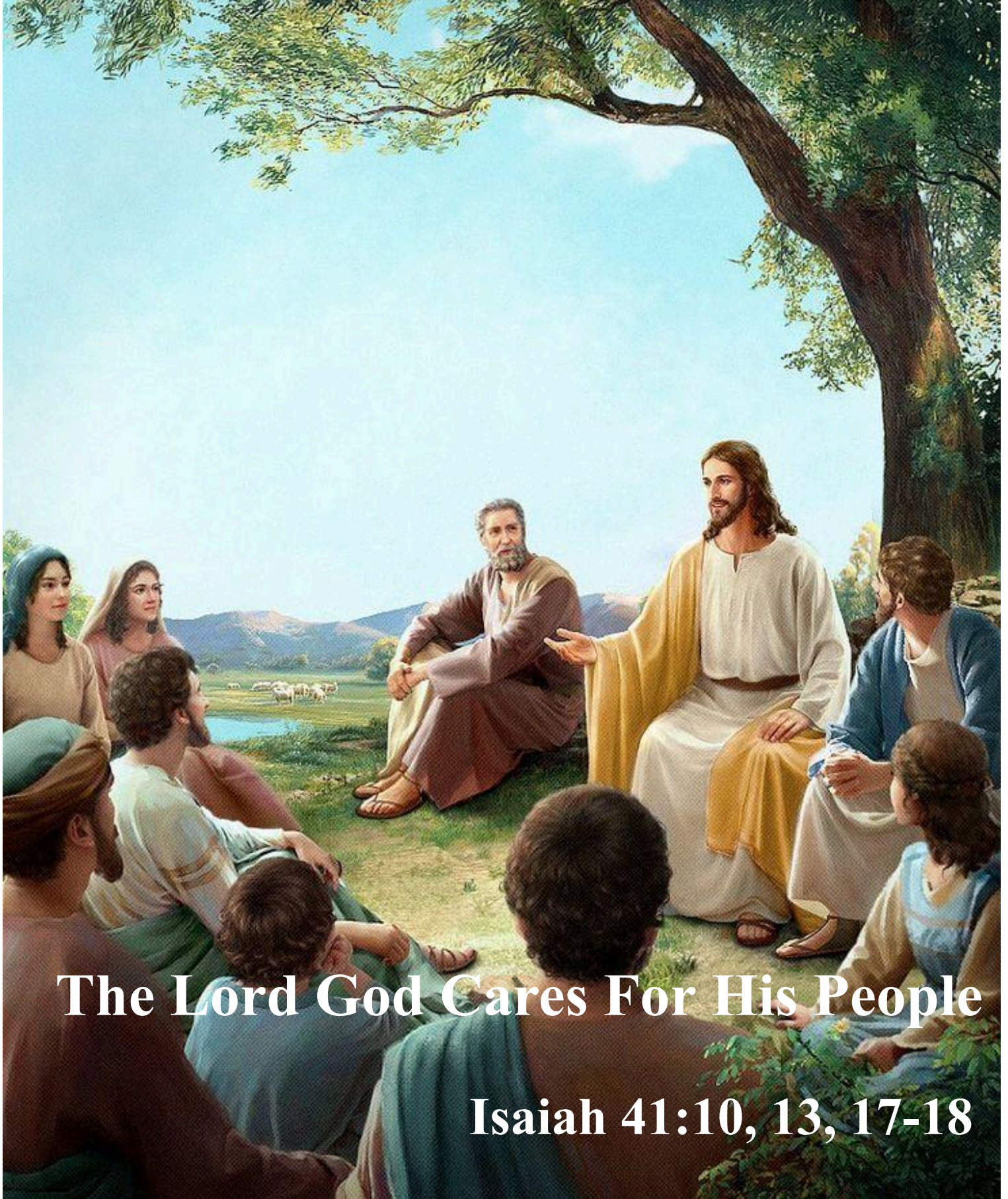
# CHINESE BAPTIST CHURCH

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# Welcome to CBC

We are excited for you to join us in worship today. Our prayer is that through the singing of gospel truths, hearing the scriptures proclaimed, and being around the saints, you will leave edified and equipped to live on mission with God for His glory.

Preparation	Revelation 4:11 (CSB)
Welcome	Gary Sham
Adoration	Christ Is Enough Always Ancient Of Days
Prayer	Laura Moon
Scripture Reading	Isaiah 41:10,13, 17-18 (ESV) Deacon Wayne Gor
Proclamation	The Lord God Cares For His People Rev. Andrew Chao
Response Music	God Will Take Care Of You
Offertory Prayer	Deacon Wayne Gor
Lord’s Supper	Pastor Oleg Xu
Announcements	Julie Tam
Benediction	Rev. Andrew Chao

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# Isaiah 41:10, 13, 17-18 (ESV)

**10** Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

**13** For I, the Lord your God, hold your right hand; it is I who say to you, “Fear not, I am the one who helps you.”

**17** When the poor and needy seek water, and there is none, and their tongue is parched with thirst, I the Lord will answer them; I the God of Israel will not forsake them. **18** I will open rivers on the bare heights, and fountains in the midst of the valleys. I will make the wilderness a pool of water, and the dry land springs of water.

## Notes:

Introduction: I am the Lord, your God

- Fear not, for I am with you....
- ...Fear not, for I am the one who helps you.
- ...I the God of Israel will not forsake them.

Conclusion: And you shall rejoice in the Lord!

Monthly Preaching Schedule

Date	English (9:45 am)	Mandarin (9:45 am)	Cantonese (11:15 am)
7/13/2025	Rev. Andrew Chao	Pastor Donald Gardner	Pastor Donald Gardner
7/20/2025	Pastor Oleg Xu	Pastor Jian Yang	Pastor Peter Leong
7/27/2025	Pastor Oleg Xu	Pastor Jian Yang	Rev. Danny Lee

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# Pastor's Word by Pastor Donald Gardner

## "Difficult Days on the Guadalupe River"

As you know, the weekly "WORDS FROM A PASTOR" are not always directed toward specific individuals or issues currently affecting CBC. Sometimes, these musings are simply random thoughts offered for reflection, with the hope that you'll come to know this pastor a little better. That being said, there are times when the circumstances of our world give rise to emotions and concerns that shape what is written.

This past Sunday, as CBC gathered to celebrate the United States' Independence Day, I must confess that it was difficult to balance the holiday's celebratory spirit with the emotional struggle over the devastation experienced by those in nearby Kerr County. On one hand, the joy of the freedoms we enjoy in this country—especially the freedom to believe and practice our faith—is truly amazing. Yet, we must also remember to lift up in prayer those nearby who are overwhelmed by circumstances far beyond their control or comfort zone.

The pain of losing a child is never easily borne. Spiritualizing our words of concern for those living along the Guadalupe River who have lost loved ones may not be immediately helpful to those who are hurting. Rather than share examples of similar losses we may have endured, may we instead simply acknowledge that the grief is real and deeply painful, and quietly pray for those in mourning.

Perhaps, before you sleep, you'll take a few moments to share your heart with the Lord—offering your concern for these fellow Texans who are confused, grieving, and struggling.

### Announcements

- Please continue to pray for the comfort of the approximately 110 families who lost their loved ones, for the search of the 173 that are still missing, and give thanks for the over 800 rescued. Pray for those providing aid, for all affected to feel God's love, peace and strength, and for strong coordination in the rescue and recovery efforts.
- **Texans on Mission, we will start collecting funds this Sunday, July 13 throughout the month of July to help those affected by the floods in Kerrville, TX.** You can donate online through CBC website at [www.cbchouston.org](http://www.cbchouston.org) or in the label enveloped near the offering box around the church.
- **Senior Rainbow Fellowship will be on Thursday, July 17, 2025, at 10 am in the FLC** - celebrating almost 250 years of our country's heritage. Lunch Cost is \$8/person, please RSVP to Dorothy Chow at 281-222-9180 or Josephine Jue at 713-774-4321.
- **Please be aware of the CBC parking lot changes on Sunday, July 20, 2025** - There will be buses to pick up the participants who are attending the D-Camp retreat. The first 2 rows of parking spots in front of the Sanctuary will be roped off to reserve bus parking when they arrive at 1 pm.
- **NMDP Announcement**, last year, Chinese Baptist Church graciously hosted a stem cell drive for beloved sister Sylvia Quan, who sadly passed away from leukemia. Although she didn't find a match, someone who registered at that event ended up saving a life through a successful stem cell donation. A donor from that event matched someone in need and helped save a life. There will be a brief Sunday announcement to thank CBC on Sunday, July 27 in the English Worship Service from the National Marrow Donor Program Organization.
- **Senior Rainbow Field Trip to the "Galveston Railroad Museum" will be on Friday, Aug 1, 2025**, departing from CBC parking lot at 8.30 am. The cost is \$11/ person (for tickets and tip). Please RSVP to Dorothy Chow at 281-222-9180 or Josephine Jue at 713-774-4321. (tickets are non-refundable).
- **The Children's Ministry** will only offer regular children's programs (Kids Worship) during the first hour of Sunday (9:45 am - 10:45 am) throughout the month of Aug. There will be no children's program (Sunday School) during the second period (11:15 am - 12:15 pm) from nursery to 5th grade. Children will be left in the care of their parents during this period throughout the month of Aug..
- **The Nomination and Budget meeting will be held on Sunday, Aug 17, 2025 at 1 pm in the Sanctuary.** A simple lunch will be provided.
- **AWANA Fall kick off will be on Friday, Aug 22, 2025 at 7:30 pm in the FLC.**
- **Save the date: Church Wide Retreat will be from Friday, Oct 3 to Sunday, Oct 5, 2025 at the Trinity Pines Camp.** Details to follow soon.